

LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF MARK G. YUDOF AS UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT

Sacramento, CA – Lt. Governor John Garamendi, who serves as a University of California (UC) Regent, had the following comments today regarding the University's appointment of Mark G. Yudof as President of the UC:

"Today's vote is an important step for the University and for the State we serve, and I am confident that Mark Yudof is the right leader for this critical time.

"At a time when the University is facing serious budget constraints, competition for top faculty and students is more acute than ever, and when the University must contemplate its important educational and research roles in a rapidly changing world economy, Mark Yudof offers an unparalleled combination of experience and vision.

"I am confident that under Mark's leadership, UC will continue to embrace the principles I believe we must hold dear: affordability and access for California students, transparency and accountability in budgeting, and maintaining and improving the quality of life for our students, faculty and staff. In particular, I look forward to working with President Yudof to halt the excessive taxation of our students, whose fees have risen 84% since 2002.

"We are fortunate to have a leader of Mark's caliber in this important post. I welcome him and his wife, Judy, to California, and I look forward to working with him as the University enters a new era."

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